IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of: Hiroshi KAWAZOE et al. Art Unit: 1773

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AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 EXPEDITED PROCESSING REQUESTED

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AUGUST 18, 2011

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

This Amendment is filed in response to the Final Office Action dated April 18, 2011. A Request for Continued Examination (RCE) and a Petition for an Extension of Time of a one month are being concurrently filed, making a response due on or before August 18, 2011.

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